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Re: New U.S. Patent Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) – Jens Riehmman et al

INTAKE SYSTEM

Sir:

1. Please find enclosed herewith for filing: 14 pages specification, 4 pages (20) claims, 1 page abstract, combined declaration and power of attorney, and 4 pages drawings (8 figures) in support of the above identified application.
2. It is respectfully requested that this application be granted the priority date of August 5, 2002, the filing date of the corresponding German patent application 102 35 761.7. A certified copy of said priority document is filed herewith.
3. Also enclosed herewith is an assignment from the inventors, Jens Riehmman, Martin Rieber and Heinz Hettman to Andreas Stihl AG & Co. KG, Badstr. 115, D-71336 Waiblingen / Germany, which you will kindly record at the Patent and Trademark Office.
4. I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$790.00\* to cover the official fees of:

Basic fee	\$750.00
Additional fees:	
Total number of claims in excess of 20 (# claims times \$18.00)	\$ 00.00
Number of independent claims in excess of 3 (# claims times \$84.00)	\$ 00.00
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<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b><u>\$790.00</u></b>

\* It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and any fees required or any shortages of fees required be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

Respectfully Submitted,

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